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INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1504

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI ON PRC SUPPORT
FOR KHMER INSURGENTS

1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO HANOI OBERG, PRESENTLY VISITING PEKING, TOLD DC HOLDRIDGE AT SOCIAL FUNCTION NOVEMBER 25 HE HAD HEARD FROM KHMER INSURGENT (KI) REPRESENTATIVES IN HANOI THAT MAIN CHINESE SUPPORT FOR KI IS IN FORM OF LARGE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RATHER THAN ARMS. THESE FUNDS ARE ALLEGEDLY USED BY KI TO PURCHASE ARMS AND SUPPLIES FROM WITHIN CAMBODIA ITSELF, INCLUDING PHNOM PENH. OBERG CLAIMS TO HAVE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH KI PERSONNEL IN HANOI.

2. OBERG SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE KI WERE RECEIVING FROM NORTH VIETNAM, BUT HAD IMPRESSION THAT HANOI WAS PROBABLY MORE FORTHCOMING WITH ARMS AID THAN WERE THE CHINESE.

3. OBERG TENDED TO DISCOUNT RECENT STATEMENTS BY SIHANOUK TO THE PRESS TO EFFECT THAT SIHANOUK INTENDS
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TO REFRAIN FROM ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLE IN CAMBODIA NEXT

YEAR. IN OBERG'S OPINION SIHANOUK IS A VERY CLEVER
POLITICIAN, AND WHAT THE PRINCE IS SAYING NOW IS ACTUALLY
DESIGNED TO ENHANCE HIS ROLE IN CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS. OBERG
BELIEVES THAT KI NEEDS SIHANOUK VERY BADLY AS UNIFYING
FORCE IN CAMBODIA--KHIEU SAMPHAN HAS ACTUALLY SAID THIS
TO OBERG--AND THE PRINCE IS MANEUVERING TO EXTRACT
THE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FROM THIS NEED.
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